

VISUAL ART DEPARTMENT

SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ART DEPARTMENT?

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Visual Art website:

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• Twitter ~ @ShrewsburyArt
(District Art)

- *beal.art.news* (Beal Early Childhood)
- *artatsms* (Sherwood Middle School)
- *springstreet_art* (Spring Street School)

"GROW YOUR BRAIN IN ART"



It is hard to believe we are in a new year...2018!

Whether one is in kindergarten, sixth grade or at the high school, art students are encouraged to explore, take risks and persevere; turning a "Whoops" into a "Wow!" is the motto at all levels. We understand too well how students can become frustrated, want to start again or give up completely. However, through guided and/or open exploration, along with quality feedback and support, we believe each student can be successful and reach their personal success in art!

From the start, students are exposed to various artists and art movements, while learning how to 'read' and respond to art. At the elementary levels, students start with identifying colors, shapes and textures which transform to space and perspective. Through it all, students develop communication skills that allow them to self reflect, as well as speak and/or write about art. These are just a few basic skills that are built upon at each grade, all schools, making for a sequential art program.

The above images were created by the elementary teachers as visuals to display in their classrooms with the common theme, "Grow Your Brain in Art," and the middle school, teachers use "TAG" as common practice for learning, growing and reflecting.



Black and White Photograph taken by student, Ashlee Phaneuf ~ Grade 12

Soon to be on exhibit at Anna Maria
College New England Secondary
Art/Design Competition



T – Tell Success

A – Ask a question

G – Give Feedback

BE KIND!

UPCOMING ART EXHIBITS AND COMPETITIONS



The high school held an art exhibit at the **Shrewsbury Credit Union** back in October. Now it is time to showcase the works of our younger artists.

SAVE THE DATE for the upcoming two exhibits... **Students will be notified soon.

- January 29th – February 21st **Grades K-4**
- March 1st – March 28th **Grades 5-8**

~ Special thanks to the SEF for providing frames for the exhibits ~



**Scholastic
Art & Writing
Awards**

**Alliance for
Young Artists
& Writers**

In December, Shrewsbury High School submitted 28 pieces of art from students in grades 9-12 to the **Scholastic Art and Writing Competition**. We are still awaiting the results for Gold Key, Silver Key and Honorable Mention recipients. Good luck and Congratulations!

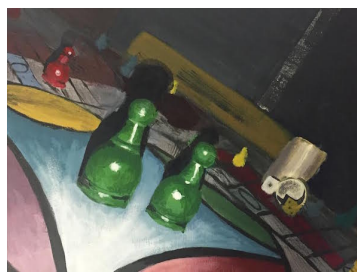
The images below are a sampling of pieces that have been submitted to exhibit at the **Anna Maria College New England Secondary School Art/Design Competition**. A total of 19 pieces were sent in a variety of media. The opening reception and awards ceremony will be held at the college on January 24, 2018 from 6-8pm. Good luck and Congratulations! *Additional information can be found on our department website.*



Jasmine Duerk



Lina Gouda



Allison Connolly



Zachary St. Pierre

COMING IN MARCH...YOUTH ART MONTH at the WORCESTER ART MUSEUM...look for information on our website.

"Art is not what you see, it is what you make other see." ~ Edgar Degas



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NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY

The National Art Honor Society is driven by a group of students in grades 10-12 who have a passion for creating art. Their mission is to spread art throughout the school and community through various community based, team-building projects. Members are expected to actively participate and contribute to the ideas, challenges and process for each project that expand upon their 21st Century Skills for learning. This year members are once again participating in creating portraits for children in other countries known as the Memory Project (portraits@memoryproject.org).

New this year members started a project they named, Traveling Art (AKA Abandoned Art). As a selfless act of kindness, members are creating artwork and leaving it in various locations around Shrewsbury or local communities to be picked up; enjoying the art for themselves or to pass on to others in hopes of brightening one's day. Should you find a piece of Traveling Art, we would love to hear from you.

Along with working on the Memory Project and Traveling Art, the NAHS members continue to collaborate on group projects, as well as brainstorming ideas for a fundraiser to take a field trip where they can enjoy works of art/and or have an opportunity to create.

PLANNING FOR 2018-2019 – PROGRAM OF STUDIES

February is the time to start thinking about what classes you want to explore come next year. As an incoming freshman, you will be hearing from your teachers and counselors at Oak Middle. We encourage you to connect with Mrs. Connolly, Visual Art teacher if you are interested in taking an art class in high school. As an incoming freshman student there are seven different semester elective course to choose from. Parents are welcomed to SHS on February 12th, 6:30pm to become informed on the programs offered at SHS. Should you have any Visual Art questions, please email the VA Director - pleblanc@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us * *The SHS Program of Studies will be found on the SHS home web page.*

Courses for 9th Grade Art students: Art Intro, Creative Sketchbooks, Ceramics I, Ceramics II & Sculpture, Digital Art & Design, Advanced Digital Art & Design, Mixed Media

GRANT FUNDING AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

We would like to thank both the **Shrewsbury Education Association (SEF)** and the **Shrewsbury High School Alumni Association** for their continued support to our program and students. This year the teachers/department were fortunate to be the recipients of the following grants. A shout out and special thank you to the teacher who continue to seek opportunities and experiences for the SPS students.

GRANTS AWARDED:

Shrewsbury Education Association (SEF)

- Mrs. Blenkhorn ~ *Wearable Art: Creating Fashionable Sculpture* - Dress forms for still-life and displaying wearable art
- Mrs. Buono, Mrs. Gustafson and Mr. Wilson ~ *Highlighting Visual Arts through Exhibition within the Community* – Additional frames purchased to exhibit student work, K-12 across the district and community. * Shrewsbury Credit Union – January through March.
- Mrs. LeBlanc ~ *Exhibiting Artistry* - Dry mount materials will be purchased to exhibit student artwork, K-12 across the district and community



Elementary Art



Middle School Art



Shrewsbury High School Alumni Association

- **Mrs. Fox ~ Bugs and Butterflies** - Funds provided will be used to purchase bugs and butterflies that add to the small collection of specimens that student can access to study and use as a subject for an art project.
- **Mrs. Fox ~ Visiting Artist** - Funds provided allow for the department to bring in two local visiting artists to share their expertise with our students and provide hands-on opportunities.
- **Ms. Williams ~ Art of Photography** - Funds provided will be to purchase additional SLR cameras for the photography classes.



HIGH SCHOOL

Ceramics II – Thrown and trimmed pieces...look at the image and see just how small they are...a push pin size!



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